

I-5 Construction in Seattle and Shoreline

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Rainy Forecast Postpones I-5 Makeover Work This Weekend

Crews have been busily preparing for this weekend's construction to rehabilitate pavement on southbound Interstate 5 through downtown Seattle, but Mother Nature has rained on their parade.

A weather forecast of steady rain prompted WSDOT and contractor Gary Merlino Construction to postpone pavement rehabilitation work until the weekend of April 15-18.

"We regret any inconvenience this cancellation causes, but we need relatively dry weather to successfully place new concrete," said Julia Mizuhata, WSDOT project engineer. "Once we remove the old pavement we must keep the freeway lanes and ramps closed until we place new pavement and allow it to cure."

The cancellation also means the I-5 Express Lanes will operate on a normal schedule this weekend. If work had proceeded, the I-5 Express Lanes would have been dedicated to southbound I-5 traffic all weekend.

Revised work schedule

WSDOT originally designated the following weekends for construction closures: April 1 - April 4, April 15 - April 18, April 22 - April 25, and April 29 - May 2. Postponing the first scheduled weekend of work means we will add the weekend of May 13-16 to our construction schedule. We originally identified this weekend as an alternate in the event of inclement weather. If construction work must be postponed again, we will add the weekend of May 20-23 to our construction schedule.

This is the first major pavement rehabilitation project on Interstate 5 through downtown Seattle since its completion in the mid-1960s. Work includes closing several southbound I-5 lanes and ramps through downtown Seattle to demolish, remove and replace deteriorating asphalt pavement between Olive Way and James Street. Additional work will occur near the Dearborn Street exit.

For more information on this WSDOT project, please visit our [project Web page](#).

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